



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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Wednesday, April 24, 2013

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-2033)

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Present: Eleanor R. Montaño, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio,
Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D.,
Commissioner Anne S. Hill, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews
and Commissioner Susan Burton

Call to Order. (13-1780)

Chairperson Montaño called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson Montaño led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 1. Approval of the April 17, 2013 Minutes. (13-1781)**

During the review of the April 17, 2013 minutes, Commissioner Andrews stated for the record that he did not participate in the discussion nor was he a part of the decision to go before the Board of Supervisors (Board) to present concerns regarding the closing of David Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center (KJJJC) located at 7625 S. Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90001, hence he did not attend the Board meeting.

Commissioner Andrews expressed that during his visit to the Los Angeles Airport Courthouse, he had a long discussion about the court closures and the realignments. The Sergeant stated that the court closures and realignments is affecting the lives of everyone that is being relocated from one district to another. Commissioner Andrews then stated that the Commission should not single out a particular program that is being impacted by the closures rather it should be reviewing all the court programs that will be impacted.

Additionally, he stated that there should have been a more detailed review and questions asked regarding: Who is responsible, sponsors, supervises and fund the program? He therefore stated for the record that since this kind of review and/or inquiry was not conducted, he would have voted against the decision for the entire Commission to go before the Board. Rather he would have recommended that only one member should go and represent the Commission while the others go and conduct their regular inspections.

Commissioners Bigby and Burton stated that although Commissioner Andrews was not present during the conversations to go before the Board, he was briefed on the Commission's discussions and the decision when he rejoined the meeting, and there was no objection to the decision.

Commissioner Andrews further stated that the closure is a State issue and not the County's. Commissioner Bacio took an exception and stated that it falls within the Commission's role and purview to bring to the Board's attention any decision and/or action that could potentially impact the programs that are provided to the inmates and/youths in the court system.

Commissioner Grills further clarified that it is a County issue and that the decisions made at the State level can impact the County; it is then the County's responsibility to address those impacts. Commissioner Bigby also added that the Board was also concerned and interested in examining the impact that the closure of KJJC would have on the Star program, and the Commission's concerns were acknowledged by the Board. Commissioner Bigby further expressed that her concern is that since the Commission decided as a body to go before the Board to express concern regarding the impact that the closure of KJJC would have on the Star Program (the sex trafficking program that provides support to approximately 96% of the young ladies that have been involved in sex trafficking in the community), all the Commissioners should have attended the Board meeting as agreed.

Commissioner Hills directed the staff to look into the possibility of obtaining information on the programs in the courts that will be impacted by their closure throughout the County.

On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and unanimously carried, the April 17, 2013 minutes

were approved with the following correction:

Ms. ~~Balones-Gonzalez~~ should read, Ms. Bolanos-Gonzalez.

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II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items for April 24, 2013. (13-1782)

Chairperson Montaño read an invitation from the Quality and Productivity Commission inviting the Commissioners to the Eleventh Annual Leadership Conference - "Leaders in Action - New Ideas" to be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Dorothy Chandler Music Center. This item was continued until the next meeting.

She also shared the following Newspaper Articles with the Commissioners:

LA Times:

- ❖ **Sheriff demotes 3 over cheating at race (April 18, 2013)**
- ❖ **Courts cuts stir fears for at-risk youths (April 22, 2013)**

Daily Breeze:

- ❖ **Abuse may be harder to track (April 20-21, 2013)**
 - **Child Homicides are down, but suicides increase in county**
 - **Police say state database change may make it difficult to keep tabs on suspects**

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3. Treasurer's Report for April 24, 2013. (13-1783)

Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$955.96.

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports for April 24, 2013. (13-1784)

Ms. Bolaji Famuyiwa, Staff, Commission Services, informed the Commission that management is in the process of reordering the SBC Corrective Action Forms and wanted to know if it meets the Commission's approval to print the forms without listing the names of the Commissioners on the form. This way the Commission can continue to utilize the forms whenever there is a change in membership. After a brief discussion, the Commission decided that the form should be printed without the names.

- 5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on April 24, 2013. (13-1787)**

There were no reports given.

- 6. Commissioners Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from April 18, 2013 to April 23, 2013. (13-1788)**

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- ❖ Commissioner Bigby visited Human Services Network Group Home, Page 22, #2, on April 19, 2013. She reported the boys bathroom tub needed caulking and grass was needed in the backyard.**
- ❖ Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited South Bay Bright Future #3, Page 37, #3, on April 22, 2013. The Commissioners requested the home to purchase a carbon monoxide detector.**
- ❖ Vice Chairperson Bacio, Commissioners Bigby, Burton, and Grills attended the Board of Supervisors Hearing on April 23, 2013 to express their concerns regarding the closure of Kenyon Courthouse and its effect it will have on the Sex Trafficking Program.**

During the reporting period, the following Group Home/Facility were reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:

- ❖ Commissioner Bacio visited Eastlake Juvenile Court on April 18, 2013. He cited that graffiti was terrible, the building appeared that it has not been repaired in 15 years and needed painting badly, the ceiling tiles falling and the floor was also in bad shape. Also there were no showers for staff.**

As a result of Vice Chairperson Bacio's visit to Eastlake Juvenile Courthouse, discussion ensued on having the entire Commission visit Central Juvenile Hall. Following discussion, the Commission agreed to the Commission agreed to visit Central Juvenile Hall on 1605 Eastlake Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90033 on Tuesday, May 16, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

During the reporting period, the following Group Home/Facility were reported as being in unsatisfactory condition and requested staff to send a report to the Board of Supervisors:

- ❖ **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Los Angeles Airport Courthouse on April 23, 2013. The Commissioners observed that new computers were needed because they ran very slow. A new control panel is needed in the control booth because of faulty wiring. There is no full body scanner which appears to be a safety issue for officers and civilians. Additional cameras are needed at the sally port to view inmates being loaded on and off buses. A buzzer is also needed on a door in the Sheriff's office for safer access.**

Staff was requested to provide at the next meeting the Airport Courthouse inspection report that was conducted in 2012.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. **Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-1786)**

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

8. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-1789)**

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

9. **Adjournment for the meeting of April 24, 2013. (13-1790)**

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of April 24, 2013 at 11:23 a.m.